

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY OF THE CITY OF JASPER
APRIL 10, 2012**

The Board of Public Works and Safety of the City of Jasper, Indiana, met in regular session on Tuesday, April 10, 2012, in the Council Chambers of City Hall located at 610 Main Street.

CALL TO ORDER

Presiding Officer Mayor Terry Seitz called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

ROLL CALL

Clerk-Treasurer Juanita S. Boehm then called the roll:

Mayor Terry Seitz	Present
Board member Timothy Bell	Present
Board member David Prechtel	Present

Also present were Police Chief J. Michael Bennett, Street Commissioner Raymond Eckerle, City Engineer Chad Hurm, Personnel/Safety/Loss Control Director Charles Schneider, Fire Chief/Code Enforcement Officer Kenneth Hochgesang, Building Commissioner/Zoning Administrator Darla Blazey, City Attorney William Shaneyfelt, and Clerk-Treasurer Juanita Boehm.

Clerk-Treasurer Juanita Boehm announced that in order to have a quorum for the meeting, a majority of the board members must be present. All board members were present; therefore, there was a quorum for the meeting.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Seitz invited all those present to join him in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

The board members examined the minutes of the regular meeting held on March 27, 2012. Thereafter, a **motion** was made by David Prechtel and seconded by Timothy Bell to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried 3-0.

CLAIMS

The board members reviewed the list of claims from March 9, 2012, thru April 5, 2012. A **motion** was made by Timothy Bell and seconded by David Prechtel to accept the claims as presented. Motion carried 3-0.

PERSONNEL/SAFETY/LOSS CONTROL DIRECTOR

Personnel/Safety/Loss Control Director Charles Schneider introduced Cale Knies who will be the new personnel/safety/loss control director after Schneider retires. Knies will officially start working for the City on April 16th.

CONTRACT FOR SERVICES

City Attorney William Shaneyfelt presented a contract for services between the City of Jasper and the Jasper Chamber of Commerce. The contract is

for the year 2012 and is for \$4,000 which includes annual membership dues. The only change to the contract from last year is that item 11, to provide professional services regarding the Jasper Hometown Competitive Initiative (HTC), was added.

A **motion** was made by Mayor Seitz and seconded by David Prechtel to approve the contract for services with the Jasper Chamber of Commerce. Motion carried 3-0.

PATOKA VALLEY AIDS WALK

Doreen Lechner, representing the Patoka Valley Aids Community Action Group and VUJC, asked permission to use the cross country trail around the Jasper Arts Center and to cross College Avenue for the Patoka Valley Aids Walk on April 21, 2012 from noon to 3:00 p.m.

A **motion** was made by Mayor Seitz and seconded by Timothy Bell to give permission to the Patoka Valley Aids Community Action Group and VUJC to cross the City road and utilize the walking path. Motion carried 3-0.

FARMERS MARKET

Joe Huddleston, representing the Greater Downtown Jasper Business Association, asked permission to use the grassy area north of the train depot for the 2012 farmers market. The farmers market will be held on Saturdays from May 26 thru October 6 from 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

A **motion** was made by Timothy Bell and seconded by David Prechtel to approve the request of the Greater Downtown Jasper Business Association to use the grassy area north of the train depot from May 26 thru October 6 for the 2012 farmers' market season. Motion carried 3-0.

YOGA IN THE PARK

Lydia Saylor asked permission to use the grass area near the river walk plaza area for a fundraising event called yoga in the park. The event is scheduled for May 5 and 19, 2012 from 8:30 a.m. to 9:15 a.m. and is open to the public. Saylor said she wants to raise money for a mission trip to Africa. Her mother, Ann Rohleder, is a certified yoga instructor and she will conduct the event.

A **motion** was made by Mayor Seitz and seconded by Timothy Bell to permit the Rohleder family to hold a yoga in the park event for a fundraiser for a mission trip to Africa. Motion carried 3-0.

ROAD SALT

Street Commissioner Raymond Eckerle said under the State road salt bid the City reserved 1100 tons of salt and committed purchasing eighty percent of that amount. Because of the extremely mild winter a small amount of salt was needed and some communities are not able to store the balance of the minimum amount of salt they are required to purchase. He learned at Road School that there is discussion with the vendors about a resolution to this situation. Eckerle said Jasper ordered approximately 225 tons and are committed to purchasing another 650 tons.

LIDS FOR RECYCLING BINS

Street Commissioner Raymond Eckerle presented a quote from Busch Systems International Inc for 2000 lids for the recycling bins at \$4.20 each for a total of \$8400 that includes shipping. This supplier provided bins and lids in the past and this is the only supplier that has lids to fit our bins. The bins have been discontinued but the lids are still available.

There are 2275 recycling bins and 217 lids remaining in inventory. Because of grant proceeds, originally each residence was entitled to one free bin and lid and could purchase up to two additional bins for \$1 each; therefore, we purchased about one lid for every three bins. In 2009 the City was unable to receive a grant from IDEM for the bins and lids we purchased. Effective June 1, 2009 the City changed the policy to one free bin and lid per residence and any additional bins would sell for \$8.00 each and any additional lids would sell for \$4.00 each. Because of this change, bins and lids are being distributed or sold about equally therefore we need an additional 2000 lids which should last about seven years.

A **motion** was made by David Prechtel and seconded by Mayor Seitz to approve the purchase of lids for the recycling bins for \$8400. Motion carried 3-0.

REPORTS

Street Commissioner Raymond Eckerle gave a report on the Patoka Lake levels and City Engineer Chad Hurm gave an update on the Badendorf Storm Sewer project and on the Northside Sanitary Sewer project.

SIDEWALK REPLACEMENT PROGRAM

City Engineer Chad Hurm asked permission to begin the 2012 sidewalk replacement program. The sidewalk areas designated for 2012 are along Main Street from 9th Street to 13th Street; a section on 5th Street behind Boeckman's Furniture; and a section on the south side of 6th Street between Jackson and Mill Streets.

A **motion** was made by Mayor Seitz and seconded by Timothy Bell to accept the sidewalk replacement program areas for 2012. Motion carried 3-0.

STORM SEWER PROJECT

City Engineer Chad Hurm asked permission to begin preparing plan specifications for a storm sewer project at 34th Street and Leslie Drive.

A **motion** was made by Timothy Bell and seconded by Mayor Seitz to approve the request to put together specifications for a storm sewer near 34th Street and Leslie Drive. Motion carried 3-0.

HIGH WEED COMPLAINTS

Fire Chief/Code Enforcement Officer Kenneth Hochgesang reported to the board the names of property owners and the locations that have been cited under 5.12.040 weed removal/notice. The names and locations are as follows:

Owner: John G. Burger, 1310 Valley View Drive, Jasper
Location: 2628 Birk Drive, Skyline Subdivision Lot 135

Owner: Crystal G Beier, 313 S Main Street, Dale
Location: 1424 Park Street, Realty Park Add, Pt Lot 19

Owner: Kari E Miles, 210 E 36th Street, Jasper
Location: same

Owner: Robert and Mary Jane Durcholz, 4308 S SR 162, Huntingburg
Location: Truman Rd and 1st Ave, Golden Acres IV Lot 134

Owner: James Aaron Scott, 1051 Vine Ave, Riverside IA
Location: 1863 Mill Street

Owner: Michael and Pamela Hoover, 1823 Mill Street, Jasper
Location: same

Owner: Eulogio and Alcantara Ramos, 1234 Second Ave, Jasper
Location: PT S one-half NE 36-1-5.49A

Owner: Lee Huebner, 919 E 14th Street, Jasper
Location: Jasper Original Pt Lot 26, Lot 3rd and S Main

VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS

Fire Chief Kenneth Hochgesang said the fire department currently has 37 volunteer firefighters and they are allowed to have up to 40. He asked permission to start the hiring process and open a pool of applicants and retain an applicant list for 24 months.

A **motion** was made by David Prechtel and seconded by Timothy Bell to authorize the fire department to start the hiring process. Motion carried 3-0.

VEHICLE QUOTES

At the last meeting quotes for two new police vehicles less the trade in of one 2005 Chev Impala were taken under advisement. Police Chief J. Michael Bennett recommended accepting the low quote submitted by Washington Chrysler Center for a net price of \$45,735.50.

A **motion** was made by Mayor Seitz and seconded by David Prechtel to accept the quote from Washington Chrysler Center for two 2012 Dodge Chargers. Motion carried 3-0.

Bennett said eleven police vehicles are going to start using flex fuel which costs about forty cents per gallon less than the fuel they are currently using.

RADIO QUOTES

Police Chief J. Michael Bennett presented the following quotes for radios for city hall that will be available to the Mayor and the Personnel/Safety/Loss Control Director in the event there is inclement weather or an emergency.

Advanced Radio Communications	\$258.00 per radio
Harmonic Electronics	\$595.00 per radio

Bennett said he tested the radios from both places and both radios are capable.

A **motion** was made by David Prechtel and seconded by Timothy Bell to purchase two radios from Advanced Radio Communications for \$258.00 each. Motion carried 3-0.

TELECOMMUNICATIONS WEEK

Police Chief J. Michael Bennett said Governor Daniels proclaimed April 8th to the 14th public safety telecommunications week. He acknowledged Jasper's telecommunicators and his appreciation for what they do.

ENGINEER TECHNICIAN

City Engineer Chad Hurm asked permission to start the hiring process for an engineer technician. This is a new position that was added in 2012. He will look within the City departments first.

A **motion** was made by Mayor Seitz and seconded by Timothy Bell to begin the process to hire an engineer technician. Motion carried 3-0.

ADJOURNMENT. There being no further business to come before the board, a motion was made by David Prechtel and seconded by Timothy Bell to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried 3-0 and the meeting adjourned at 8:57 a.m.

The minutes were hereby approved ____ with X without corrections or clarification this 24th day of April, 2012.

Mayor Terry Seitz
Presiding Officer

Attest:

Juanita S. Boehm, Clerk-Treasurer